Schoolboy Is Bound Hand and Foot, but Finally Makes

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Debts Have Increased. Debta Have Increased.

To justify the statement, the commission explains that while the gross carnings of all roads fell off \$164.000.000, they were nevertheless \$98.000.000 in excess of 1906 and \$342.000.000 in excess of 1906, and although the net earnings fell off \$111.000.000, they were only \$55,000.000 less than 1906, and were \$37,000.000 more than \$205.

"Now that is but a partial statemont of the situation. A very important factor is ignored—one which cuts
the ground from under the commission. That body takes no account of
and makes no allusion to the debt of
the railroads, which has increased
from year to year. Go back five
years and compare the net earnings
per mile of the railroads according to
the commission's figures. In 1903 you
will find them \$2,133 against \$3,225 in
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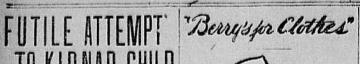
years. Listen to this: In 1997 the freight

The Chamber of Commerce." said Vice-President Wood, in part, "stands for optimism and progress in all lines of our development, and it hopes to make such an impression upon this community in this direction that our people will always be in favor of much ods which are calculated for the advancement and the best deviopment of Cur commercial, municipal and social life.

Consolidation With Manchester.

"The consolidation of Manchester and Richmond is one of the important questions which the chamber has under consideration at the present time, and the chamber has appointed a special committee to look into this matter and make a report. Optimistic and progressive thought and development will in my opinion, inquestionably decide in favor of the consolidation.

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Manchester's municipal utilities it

Richmond, and are, in turn, supported largely by Richmond. The majority of the people of Manchester are employed in our factories and commercial enterprises. Nearly all of the supplies that are purchased by Manchester people come from Richmond merchants.

"We are, to all intents and purposes, one community, and anything that we can do to improve the conditions of a people as closely allied to us as the people of Manchester are, and to increase the prosperity or better living of the country around us, is manifestly in line with optimistic and progressive thought and development."

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Other Spenkers.

After the refreshments were served the following members of the Chamber spoke briefly: Mayor D. C. Richardson, A. Bierne Blair, R. A. Lancaster, Jr., George McD. Blake, John M. Miller, Jr., Hill Montague and Edwin Quarles, secretary of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, and of the Southern Commercial Congress.

CLOSE EARLY TO-DAY

Schoolienchers Will Attend District Association at Mechanics Institute Hall.

At the regular meeting of the School Board isst night it was decided to close all of the white public schools in the city at I o'clock this afternoon, so that the teachers and officers may attend the meeting of the Third Congressional District Teachers' Association, which begins this afternoon in the Mechanics' Institute Hall.

The report of the superintendent for the past month shows a total enrolment of 14,435 pupils.

The matter of closing the schools at 2 o'clock in the afternoon is still in the hands of the committee is gathering statistics and the committee is gathering statistics and information on the subject.

Celebrated His Birthday.

Around the banquet board the "Old Timers" met lest night to celebrate the birthday of George Tiller. The affair, which was an elaborate one, was held in Rucger's Hotel. The invitations were bedecked with a photograph of the host, and the insertition was: "Age unknown." Those present were Messrs. McAdams, Rosenegk, Reed. Schoen, Street, Schneifer, Welsiger, Boykin, Burton, Charleton, Colen, Ecker, Ellyson, Hutchinson, Hotenkiss, Jurgens, Jones and Limer.

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the system for the coming event, relieves "morning sickness," and other discomforts. Sold by drugglats at 51.00.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 25.—Col,
George F. G. Harrison, United States Artillery Corps, retired, died to-night at Old
Point.

Point.
Colonel Harrison for four years preceding last February was commandant of the Fort Monroe garrison. He then was retired on account of ill health. Colonel Harrison was a native of California, and was fity-eight years old.

WHOLE FORCE DISCHARGED. Heads of Eight Constables Are Officially Taken Off.

Taken Of.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., March 25.—Eight more contables, the whole force in the Western Branch Magisterial District of Norfolk county, were removed from office this atternoon by Judge White, sitting in the Norfolk County Creuit Court. There were no charges against the constables who lost their positions, but the Judge declared that he deemed their services unnecessary, in tylew of the fact that the city of Portsmouth has recently acquired a large portion of Western Brunch territory by annexation proceedings and is now policing it. More appointments are improbable the judge to put valuables in a place of security agained an appointments are improbable the judge to put valuables in a place of security agained an agree portion of Proceedings and is now policing it. More appointments are improbable the judge to put valuables in a place of security. There is a suspect, and an arrest is pritsburg unless a necessity for them is shown.

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be displayed on every wagon doing hauling in the city.

The entertainment given for the benefit of Decatur Street Church at the home of Mr. Rowlett, on Decatur Street, last night was well attended.

E. L. Basse was awarded the centract of building the annex to Bainbridge Street Baptist Church. The price named in the bid was \$5,225.

Death of Col. Georke F. G. Harrison. The men friendship.

COMING TO HOT SPRINGS

John D. Rockefeller and Party Leave Georgia for Virginia Resort. Georgia for Virginia Resort.

AUGUSTA, GA., March 25.—John D.
Rockefeller and party, including Mrs.
Rockefeller, Mrs. Spelman, Master John
Rockefeller Prentice and Miss Mathilda
McCormick, left here to-day for Hot
Springs, Va.

THIEVES ENTER OFFICE.

Only One "BROMO QUININE," that is Tampa Washington Marriage Licenses.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25,—Marriage licenses have been faund to the following:
George G. Lae and Susie V. Robinson, both of Falls Church, Va.
C. Leon Parker, of Middleton, Va., and Bessle L. Reid, of Huntington, W. Va., George R. Bail, of Huntington, W. Va., and Maud S. Reddish, of Charlottesville, Va.

JOY RIDES UNDER BAN IN NEW YORK

Bill Introduced in Legislature Causes Discussion from All

ALBANY, March 25.—Vigorous condemnation of "joy riding" and its usual consequences was expressed in the Senate, when two bills by Senator Hill, designed to prevent that pleasant custom were discussed in committee of the whole. Practically every member of the Senate spoke at some stage of the debate, and while the bills were altered slightly in deference to some criticism of their sweeping terms, they were advanced to the order of final passage. As amended the bill reads:

"Any chauffeur or other person who, without the consent of the owner, shall take or cause or permit to be taken from a garage, stable or other building or place, an automobile or motor vehicle and operate or drive, or cause the same to be operated or driven for his own profit, use or purpose, steals the same, and is guilty of larceny and shall be punishable accordingly."

Senator Caffrey, who began the opposition, maintained that automobiles frequently were taken out thoughtlessly by mere boys, who, if these bills were passed, would be made guilty of grand larceny.

"There's no justification for taking a machine without the owner's consent," retorted Mr. Hill, "Frequently valuable machines are ruined, and some times one or two lives lost as a result of joy rides."

Senator Frawley maintained that such legislation would be a hardship for garage keepers, who seldom knew the real owners of the machines stored with them.

"If find this bill would apply to milk wagons," declares Senator Cobb, "Now, if a farmer wants to borrow the wagon of another farmer and can't see him to ask him about it. I don't want him to be made a thlef. We agriculturists must stand together."

Senator Brackett declared that the owner of the automobile should unaking it malicious mischief wilfully to tamper with or damage an automobile.

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a telephone pole two years ago. She lost a leg and was otherwise seriously injured.

Justice Brady held that it was for the jury to decide whether or not the plaintiff assumed the risks of the ride when she entered the defendant's automobile. If they found that she did assume the risk or that she asked the defendant to increase speed she should not recover. If they found that the defendant recklessly and voluntarity and against the protest of the plaintiff exceeded proper speed, the verdict should be for the plaintiff.

The jury decided that Miss Haas could not recover damages.

Finals for the Southern Cross Will Be Played To-Day.

AIKEN, S. C., March 25.—C. M. Him-

be for the plaintiff.

The jury decided that Miss Haas could not recover damages.

SECURES DIVORCE

Mrs. Masury Gets Separation From Husband, Living in Norfolk. [Special to The Times Dispate]. [BoSTON. MASS., March 26.—Mrs. Withelpins Masury, what is well known in secial circles of Boston, and on the North Shore, was granted a divorce on enstatutory graumds by Judge Lawton from her husband. Dr. John A. Masury, Mrs. Masury testined that she was married to Dr. Masury in 1897, and lived with him at his Beverly estate, He deserted her, she said, in 1904, in Paris, and is now living near Norfolk, Va. Jr. Masury is a millionaire, and is wildly known as un expert on yellow fever. He was a member of the Common Council of Beverly. In depositions presented to the court there was evidence concerning Dr. Masury's life in Virginia. He has a large estate there and with a woman who is also known as Mrs. Masury. The libellant testified that she had gone to Virginia on purpose to see the woman, but had been unable to do so.

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Voring to the company operates (8.55) the must be dearent and Virginia Railroad was held here to-day. The annual meeting of the Maryland Delaware and Virginia Railroad was held here to-day. The annual resetting of railroad and 979 miles of railroad shows that the company operates (8.55) indicates the search of the past year, \$743,539,55; gross operating expenses, \$672,358,82; net earnings for more reset on bonds and other expenditures, however, left a deficit in the year's operations of \$82,257,14.

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where of automobiles are liable for juries suffered by their greats while redding was raised in a suit for \$25. Interest on bonds and other expending was raised in a suit for \$25. Interest on bonds and other expending turns, however, left a deficit in the year's operations of \$22,257.14. These directors were elected: Frank the suit was brought by Miss Frances and C. Howard Lloyd, representing presenting with Dr. Thomas and C. Howard Lloyd, representing presented stock; Chas. E. Pugh, Samuel Rera, Hiram R. Burton, N. P. Bond, Will take D'Alton's place in the box Tatnail, common stock.

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